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Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Section 18. Centre for Science and Technology for Development

1. At its 35th meeting, on 3 June, the Committee considered section 18 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Discussion

2. Several delegations noted the importance to the developing countries of the Organization's work in the field of science and technology and expressed concern at the reduction in the overall level of resources under section 18, particularly those for consultants and ad hoc expert groups, and the possible impact on the implementation of the proposed work programme.

3. There was general agreement on the priority accorded to subprogramme 1. Endogenous capacity-building, although some delegations felt that the other subprogrammes could have also been given priority. As regards the format and presentation of section 18, several delegations commented that it would have

been useful to show the cost of executive direction and management and programme support separately and that the section could have benefited from more precise details on the programmed activities.

4. Some delegations raised the question of overlapping and duplication of work within the system in the area of science and technology and referred particularly to the role of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It was noted that the ongoing review of the economic and social sectors included the Centre for Science and Technology for Development.

Conclusion and recommendation

5. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 18 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.